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MINUTES.

THE 27TH Annual Session of the Yellow Creek Baptist Association met persuant to adjournment on Saturday, October 1st, 1887, with the Baptist Church at Shiloh, Lamar County, Alabama; W. C. Woods presiding as Moderator, and T. M. Woods acting as Clerk.

1st. At the hour of eleven o'clock a. m. the exercises were begun. Introductory Sermon by Rev. A. J. Mays, from Paul's second letter to Timothy, "Preach the Word."

Conclusion by Rev. S. M. Waldrep, after which an hour's intermission was given for refreshments, etc.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2d. At 1 o'clock the Association reassembled by singing, and prayer was offered by the Moderator. Then proceeded to business as follows:

3d. The Moderator appointed Brethren W. J. Trull and James Middleton Reading Clerks, who read letters from the different Churches and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

DELEGATES.

1. South Carolina.—J. F. Sanders, W. F. Blair.
2. Bethabara —J. A. Andrews, B. V. McDaniel and S. V. Waldrep.
3. Mount Zion.—B. McDaniel, J. Williams and W. D. Williams.
4. Walnut Grove.—William Scisen.
5. Fellowship.—G. K. Thomas, J. W. Woods.
6. Shiloh.—T. M. Woods, T. [illegible] Hilburn, J. T. Allen.
7. Blooming Grove.—E. Robertson, A. S. Smith and John Robertson.
8. Piney Grove.—Not represented.
9. Friendship.—J. E. Jordan, A. Penington.
10. Pleasant Ridge.—J. F. Peeler, T. E. McGill.
11. Newsalem.—J. S. Wilson, Clark Harris.
12. Vernon.—James Middleton, W. G. Middleton.
13. Antioch.—F. M. Trim and C. D. Stewart.
14. Spring Hill.—J. N. Ward, W. J. Cunningham and T. B. Woods.
15. Mulberry Springs.—A. A. Hill, W. J. L. Flin and J. S. Armstrong.
16. Love Joy.—A. J. Motes.
17. Union Chapel.—T. V. Weeb and J. J. Weeks.
18. Green Springs.—A. A. Gay.
19. Pleasant Grove.—J. H. Bulerson, A. H. Bulerson and A. W. Green.

20. Zion.—A. Markham, J. C. Bolin, J. C. Markham.

21. Mars Hill.—Not represented.

22. Liberty.—J. K. Byrd, J. F. Langston and F. Duke.

23. Bethel.—Not represented.

24. Salem.—Wm. Akin and W. A. Palmer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

4th. The Association elected her officers for the next associational year, to-wit:

W. C. WOODS.....MODERATOR.

T. M. WOODS.....CLERK.

W. G. MIDDLETON.....CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

5th. The Moderator called for Petionary Letters. None were presented.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES.

1st. On Arrangements.—James Middleton, John Williams, James Bolin, J. T. Allen, J. A. Andrews.

2d. On Preaching.—T. T. Hilburn, B. V. McDaniel, Wm. Akin.

3d. On Nominations.—J. F. Peeler, John Robertson, J. C. Markham.

4th. On Finance.—W. G. Middleton, W. D. Williams, J. E. Jordan.

5th. On Document.—N. J. Dyer, A. Markham, J. F. Sanders, G. K. Thomas, A. H. Bulerson, T. M. Woods, and W. C. Woods.

6th. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—A. A. Hill, T. E. McGill, Starling Waldrep.

7th. On Digest of Church Letters.—T. T. Hilburn, J. K. Byrd, J. A. Armstrong, A. W. Green.

On motion the Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

NOTE.—On Sunday divine services were held at the Arbor grounds by our beloved brethren, W. H. Robertson at 10 o'clock a. m., followed by N. J. Dyer at 11 o'clock. A. W. Green at 1 o'clock followed by A. Penington at 2 p. m., whose admonitions of divine truth will be long remembered by many present. CLERK.

MORNING SESSION.

6th. Monday, 8:30 o'clock. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. H. Robertson. The Association was then declared in order for business. Whereupon the Moderator called for re-

port of Committee on Arrangements, which report was read and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on Arrangements beg leave to submit the following report:

1 Call for Correspondence.
2 Return Correspondence.
3 Read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.
4 Call for Report of Committee on Documents.
5 Call for report from District Meetings.
6 Call for reports of deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7 Call for report of Committee on Finance.
8 Call for Treasurer's Report.
9 Call for report of Committee on Nominations.
10 Call for report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.
11 Call for Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES MIDDLETON, Chairman.

Correspondence.

8th Called for Correspondence, whereupon Brethren W. J. Trull, T. J. Godfrey, Virgil Taylor and Rev. J. Taylor was received with a package of minutes from the New River Association.

On motion Elder W. H. Robertson was received as a corresponding minister from the Columbus Association, also a package of minutes of the Alabama Baptist Convention was received.

9th Returned Correspondence to New River Association by delegates and letters Elders N J Dyer, W C Woods, and Brethren E B Guin, T B Woods, J C Bolin, J C Markham and P M Woods.

10th Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith.

11th Called for Report of Committee on Documents.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report: That we find nothing that claims the attention of the Association. N. J. DYER, Chairman.

District Meeting.

12th Called for report of District Meetings.

1st District reported as follows: The 1st District will convene with Bethabara Church on Saturday before the third Sabbath in July 1888. Elder N J Dyer to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder A. Penington Alternate. Repectfully submitted, T T HILBURN, Clerk.

2nd DISTRICT. The next session of this District will convene with Antioch Church on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in July 1888. Introductory Sermon by Elder N. J. Dyer. Elder A. Markham, Alternate. The next session of the Association will be held with Liberty Church, Lamar County, Ala. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. KIRK, Moderator. W. O. WILSON, Clerk.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

12th Called for report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was adopted as follows: Your Committee find since the last session of the Association we have lost from our midst our beloved brother, James Holladay, a Deacon of Mulberry Springs Church. Brother Holladay was born April 3rd 1811; joined the Baptist Church in 1845, and was ordained to the office of Deacon in 1851. He was a kind husband and father and lived a consistent member of the Baptist church till the day of his death, which occurred on the 23d day of April 1887. We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of our deceased brother and to the Church of which he was a member. Respectfully submitted,

A. A. HILL, Chairman.

Finance.

13th Your Committee on Finance find that the aggregate amount received for minutes, etc., from all the Churches to be $28.25. Respectfully submitted. W. G. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

14th Called for Treasurer's Report, the same read and adopted as follows: T. M. Woods in account with the Yellow Creek Association for the year ending September 1887.

Dr.

To amount received of Finance Committee	$24 55
" " " " Treasurer	5
To total amount received	$24 60

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By Printer's receipt for printing 350 copies of minutes	$10 00
" payment to Clerk for superintending and distributing minutes	8 00
" postage on minutes	30
" total amount paid out	$18 30

Leaving balance on hand of $6.30.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. WOODS, Treasurer.

Nominations.

15th Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following: Brother A Pennington to preach the next introductory sermon N J Dyer, Alternate. Brother James Middleton to write a circular letter.

J F Peeler, Chairman.

Digest of Church Letters.

16th We your committee would submit the following report: South Carolina had a good meeting, all in peace. Walnut Grove not at peace as we desire, our church house having been burned. Mount Zion have hav a meeting of days and the church much revived; all at peace. Green Springs is in a cold condition and asks an interest in our prayers. Mulberry Springs had but little preaching this year; are at peace; asks an interest in our prayers. Union Chapel had a prosperous meeting; the church much revived; all at peace. Friendship, nothing special to write, craves our prayers. Pleasant Ridge had no revival this year. Blooming Grove all at peace. Vernon Church all at peace. Love Joy in peace. Fellowship at peace. Shiloh had a prosperous meeting; the church much revived; all in peace. Pleasant Grove had a good meeting; two additions to the church. Salem has been much revived this year; five additions. Antioch is in a cold state, but in peace. New Salem all in peace. Liberty is in a cold condition. Spring Hill all in peace; asks our prayers. Zion all at peace with each other. Bethabara in a prosperous condition with several additions to the church. Bethel not represented. Mars not represented. Respectfully submitted.

T. T. Hilburn, Chairman.

Miscellaneous.

17th Caled for micellaneous business, whereupon on motion by Elder N J Dyer, the propriety of holding a convention of this and the Newriver Association to meet with Blooming Grove church, Lamar county, Ala, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November next for the purpose of effecting a plan by which the promulgation of the Gospel may be made more a unit than it is as now preached by the Baptists. Said convention to consist of one member of the layety of each church in this Association together with the ministers of the same.

18th On motion adjourned for preaching, refreshments, etc.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

19th The Association reassembled by singing, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Mays.

20th Business being in order, the subject under consideration before adjournment was re-opened for further consideration, and after much able discussion the motion was lost.

Resolutions.

1 *Resolved*, That we request every church in our Association to send up to each session of our body the names of the deceased in their respective churches.

2 *Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association be instructed to have 400 copies of the minutes of the present session printed, and that he distribute the same according to the amount paid by each church, and that he pay postage on all minutes necessary to be mailed out of the funds now on hand, and that he retain twenty copies for corresponding Associations, and that he be allowed $8.00 for his services.

3 *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to Shiloh church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our session and stay among them.

21st On motion the minutes were read and corrected.

22nd On motion after prayer and singing, while the brethren extended the parting hand, the body adjourned to meet again with Liberty Church two miles northeast of Detroit, Lamar county, Alabama.

W. C. WOODS, Moderator. T. M. WOODS, Clerk.

Devotion.

Devotional exercises were held during the session by the following named breteren, to-wit: A J Mays, J Taylor, W H Robertson, N J Dyer, A W Green. A Penington, A Markham, J F Sanders, S M W aldrep and J A Andrews.

Statistics of Yellow Creek Association 1887.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office.	Mem. last report.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY			Present M'mb'ship	Preach'g Sabbaths.	Minute Fund.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.			
South Carolina	Lamar	S M Waldrop	R H Ward	Vernon, Ala	22	3		3	1		1		25	1	55
Bethabara	"	"	W M Roland	Anro, Ala	57	6	7	6			4	3	68	3	1 50
Mount Zion	"	J W Peters	W D Williams	vernon, Ala	34	3	1	3			4	1	32	4	1 00
Walnut Grove	"	A Penington	S T Coleman	" "											50
Fellowship	"	S M Waldrop	G K Thomas	" "	33		8			3			37	2	1 30
Shiloh	"	W C WOODS, J W PETERS	T M Woods	" "	80	2	3	2				2	83	1	2 00
Blooming Grove	"	N J Dyer	J C Graves	" "	42	1		1	4				47	3	2 00
Friendship	"	A Penington	A J Penington	" "	47	4			1	2	1		48	4	1 50
Piney Grove	"														
Pleasant Ridge	"	J W Peters	J F Peeler	Cansler, Ala	25					1	1	1	22	3	1 10
New Salem	"	S T Coleman	S T Coleman											4	75
Vernon, 24 Dist	"	W C Woods	W G Middleton	Vernon, Ala	15		1						15	3	1 50
Antioch	"	"	F M Trim	" "	62	1	4	1		3			64	4	2 15
Spring Hill	Fayette	"	T B Woods	F C. H	87					1		1	85	2	2 00
Mulberry Springs	Lamar	A Penington	J A Armstrong	Moscow, Ala	22	3	3	3		3		1	24	3	1 00
Love Joy	"	C Chaffin	J M Barns	Beaverton, Ala	16								16	1	50
Union Chapel	"	J Taylor	W O Minor	Pikeville, Ala	14								14	4	75
Green Springs	Marion	A W Green	W O Wilson	Pearces' Mills, Ala	25	2		2				1	27	1	75
Pleasant Grove	"	A Markham	J H Johnston	Hamilton, Ala	56	19	3			3	2	1	71	3	2 75
Zion	"	"	E B Guin	We, Ala		4	1	4		5	3	2	63	4	2 50
Mars Hill	"														
Liberty	Lamar	Joseph Baldwin	J F Langston	Detroit, Ala	60						1		59	1	1 35
Bethel	Marion														
Salem	Lamar	A Markham	Wm. Akin	Moscow, Ala	18	5	5			5	1		18	2	80